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Sleeping beauty publications are over represented in the mathematics research literature, particularly when highly cited publications are considered.

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INTRO

- Sleeping Beauties (SBs) are publications which receive large spikes in citations after years of relatively few

METHODS

1. Dataset: Clarivate Web of Science 1900-2017 [1]
2. All publications with subjects of Mathematics, Mathematics, Applied, and Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications were included
3. Sleeping Beauties identified using Ke, Ferrara, Radicchi, & Flammini's [2] Beauty Coefficient, using a threshold value of 90.62
4. Threshold values were set by Ke et al. so that top .1% of all Beauty Coefficients were classified as SBs.

RESULTS

| Subject | Total | SBs | Rate |
|--------------------------------|---------|------|------|
| Mathematics | 742541 | 3044 | .41% |
| Applied | 611160 | 743 | .12% |
| Interdisciplinary Applications | 199652 | 324 | .16% |
| Total | 1343970 | 3847 | .29% |

SB Counts for all mathematical publications

| Subject | Total | SBs | Rate |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| Mathematics | 6485 | 938 | 14.5% |
| Applied | 6635 | 342 | 5.2% |
| Interdisciplinary Applications | 3995 | 174 | 4.3% |
| Total | 15745 | 1354 | 8.6% |

SB Counts for Highly Cited (>100) publications

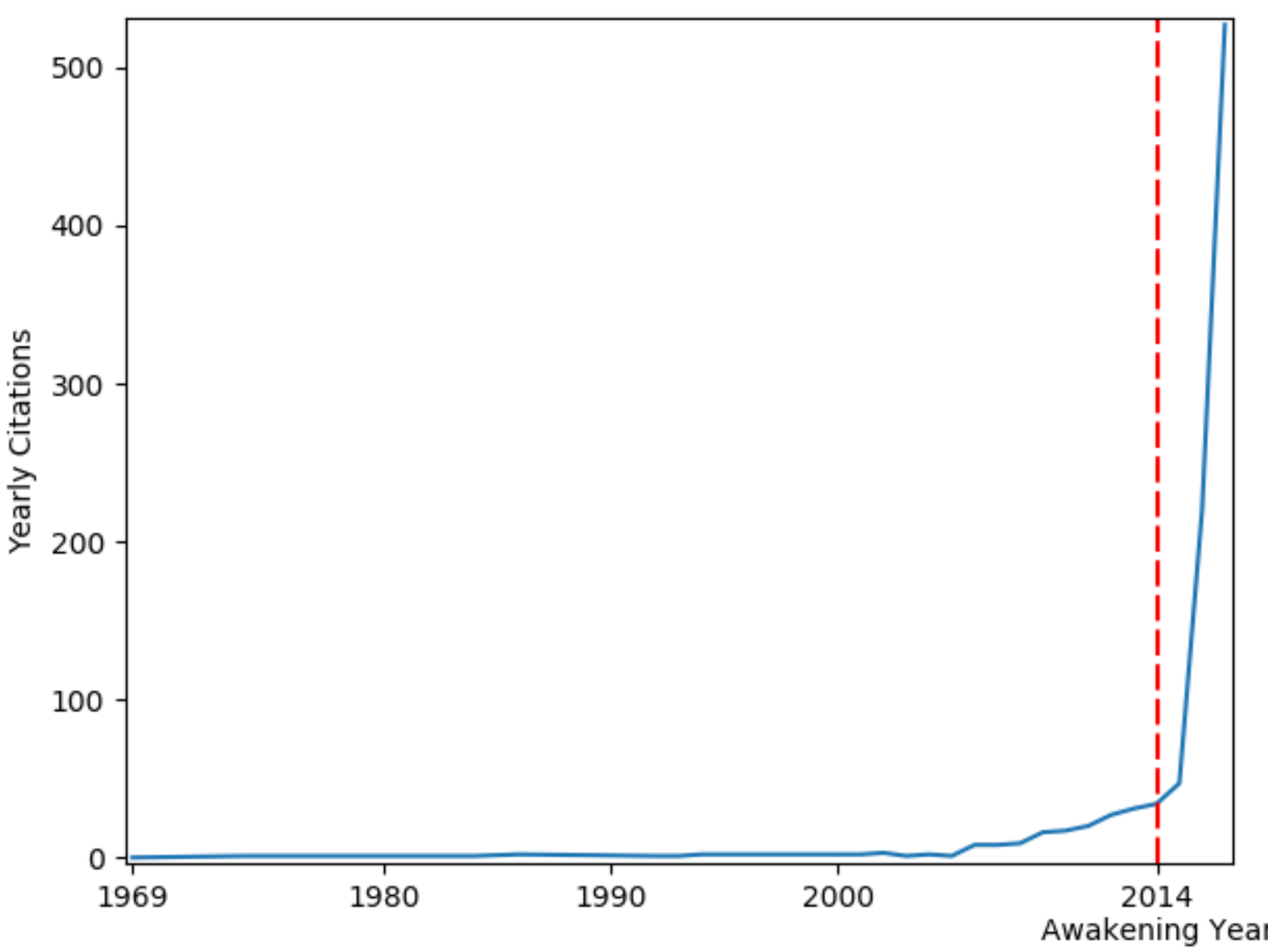
Notes

- [1] I would like to acknowledge the Big Ten Academic Alliance and CADRE for their help in providing and operationalizing the data
- [2] Ke, Q., Ferrara, E., Radicchi, F., & Flammini, A. (2015). Defining and identifying sleeping beauties in science. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 112(24), 7426-7431.

New High Coefficient Sleeping Beauty Publication Identified!

3rd Highest Coefficient ever seen, 6737.399

Granger, C. W. (1969). Investigating causal relations by econometric models and cross-spectral methods. *Econometrica*



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